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37/25. The need for an integrated approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the full realization of human rights, focusing holistically on the means of implementation

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations,

Recalling all relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Right to Development, which recognizes that States have the right and the duty to formulate appropriate national development policies that are aimed at the constant improvement of the well-being of the entire population and of all individuals, on the basis of their active, free and meaningful participation in development and in the fair distribution of the benefits resulting therefrom,

Recalling further that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, including full respect for international law, is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, and is informed by other instruments, such as the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Recalling that the Sustainable Development Goals seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what these did not achieve, to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and that they are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, the social and the environmental,

Recalling also that the 2030 Agenda has been accepted by all States and is applicable to all, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities, and that these are universal goals and targets that involve the entire world, developed and developing States alike,

Recalling further that the 2030 Agenda, its Goals and targets, including the means of implementing them, are universal, indivisible and interlinked,

Recalling that the means of implementing the targets under Goal 17 and under each Sustainable Development Goal are key to realizing the 2030 Agenda and are of equal importance with the other Goals and targets,

1. *Reaffirms* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is grounded in and seeks to realize human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and calls upon States to focus on implementing the 2030 Agenda in an integrated and holistic manner;

2. *Also reaffirms* the central role of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, which meets under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and has a mandate to oversee a network of processes for the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level;

3. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General, on critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level,[1] and on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals;[2]

4. *Decides* to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, commencing in 2018, to brief, on an annual basis, the Human Rights Council, during one of its regular sessions, on the discussions of the high-level political forum, including on gaps, challenges and progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, focusing on the means of implementation taken together as an integrated package;

5. *Also decides* to remain seized of this issue.

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[Adopted without a vote.]

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[1] A/70/684.
[2] E/2017/66.